



COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

The Columbia City Council conducted a virtual meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 using video conferencing technology. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tempore Edward H. McDowell, Jr., The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, and The Honorable William Brennan. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore Hammond, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Mayor Pro Tempore Edward H. McDowell, Jr. offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to adding the Commission on the Future of Columbia to **Item 31**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council is asked to approve the May 19, 2020 and May 31, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Rickenmann, Council voted unanimously to approve the May 19, 2020 and May 31, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

2. COVID-19 Update - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin said we are still in some challenging times. We expected that while we were enjoying the downward pressure of our collective actions around social distancing and masking, the upward pressure of having the young people come back from all across the world would have a disparate impact on our numbers. We are seeing compliance from a significant number of students and a significant number have not exhibited much regard for the responsibility that we have as we push the pandemic toward deceleration. Many of you saw the actions that Chief Jenkins used in response to the incident at Palmetto Compress. We expect that with continued strict enforcement of the governor's executive order and the mask ordinance we will begin to see



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downward pressures. We should expect a full report from the University. It is about mutual and collective responsibility. We are well into the semester now so everyone should be aware of their responsibilities, laws, and the executive orders.

– *COVID-19 Situational Report - Mr. Harry Tinsley, Emergency Management Director*

Mr. Harry Tinsley, Emergency Management Director presented a COVID-19 Situational Report. As of Sunday, our state completed over one million total tests. The average positive test rate is 15%. South Carolina has 117,333 confirmed positive cases and 2,588 confirmed deaths. In the City, staff continues to increase testing sites as we partner with DHEC, Prisma Health, CVS Health, and Benedict College. The static testing drive-thru site at 2204 Lee Street will run every Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. through Thursday, September 29, 2020. No appointment or referral is needed. We are partnering with CVS Health and Benedict College. On yesterday, testing started at Benedict College, 1903 Two Notch Road on Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through September 30, 2020. The jurisdictions within South Carolina that have mask ordinances are seeing a 44.2% decrease in total cases.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said by Halloween, individuals should have flu shots. Chief of Staff Benjamin is talking with a private pharmacy that is interested in helping us with flu shots.

Councilor Rickenmann asked Director Tinsley to confirm the testing numbers. There are thousands of tests that are not being calculated. Can you find out what they are doing about that? It is important for us to track this because we are making decisions based on caseloads.

3. Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget - Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director

– *Financial Update*

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said I have been monitoring a budget that we prepared without certain revenue projections that we normally have. I can't say enough about our staff who have continued to work through this pandemic. We will share with you some of the creative ways staff has learned to provide seamless service delivery, but in new and different ways, some of which might stay with us for the long-term. We are not at a point to propose any type of amendments. We are running scenarios. We want to talk you through when revenue projections may be more realistic as well as remind you of a few external contracts and special projects that you typically allocate funding towards to see if that is still your intent at this point.



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Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director presented a revenue collection timeline along with how COVID-19 impacts projections. We identified specific revenue streams that will be impacted the most. We are not certain about the impact on property taxes. We expect the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) to be impacted and we will have less credit to give back to our property tax payers. The impact will be on our current fiscal year and next fiscal year's collections. Business licenses are collected annually in May. As businesses are impacted this year, we anticipate that collections will be impacted. Overall, building permit revenue is not significant in the general fund, but any impact can be significant on a budget that has been reduced by \$14 million. The hospitality tax, accommodations tax, and tourism development fees will be impacted by COVID-19. The hospitality tax collections come in monthly. We only have one month of revenue to look at for this fiscal year. The accommodations tax is collected by the state and remitted to us quarterly. The 2019/2020 fourth quarter collections were short and we will not have the first quarter of 2020/2021 until October. The tourism development fee is collected monthly. For the parking fund, we expect for our parking garages, on-street parking, fines, and special events to be impacted. It is too early to make any projections or impacts on what we are doing. As we adopted this year's budget we indicated that we would come back later in the calendar year to consider whether or not we needed to make any other amendments. By November or December, we will have some experience with the revenues and our expenditure activity. Then, we will discuss what we may need to do to either balance budgets or forecast any additional savings as we look forward to the next fiscal year. We want to remind Council about the adoption of the business license model ordinance. We plan to come back in October with plans around the adoption of the model ordinance.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said knowing that we need to move forward, we want to make sure that the folks that will be impacted aren't impacted quite as much.

Councilor Duvall said this might be the easiest time to adopt this change. I support moving forward in October.

Councilor Rickenmann said it would be ill-advised to make a change now. We need to get through COVID and let businesses get back on their feet. We are a year out.

Mayor Benjamin said the model ordinance provides many of these organizations with relief, not an additional burden.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Chief Financial Officer / Assistant City Manager for Financial Services said the ordinance would be approved in October, but it would not be effective until the new calendar year. It will not affect renewals until next May. It would affect new businesses as they come in. This will allow staff time to engage with businesses.



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Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director reported on the City's COVID-19 response costs through June 30, 2020. To date, costs total approximately \$1.1 million. Those costs have been submitted for reimbursement through the CARES Act. We also submitted an application for FEMA Public Assistance in the amount of \$877,000. The costs cannot be submitted under both categories. Under phase 2 funding, we are hopeful that the \$1.5 million that City Council allocated for small businesses can be submitted for reimbursement along with the allocation to Senior Resources. Some of this may not be eligible for reimbursement. We have received \$2.9 million from the EDA, \$611,000 from CDBG-CV, \$220,000 from HOPWA-CV, and up to \$255,000 from OJP-BJA.

– *External Contracts and Special Projects*

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director reviewed the external services contracts. The funding sources for some of these contracts are split between budgets that are significantly impacted. We need to know what Council's direction is in terms of moving forward with these allocations. These contracts include One Columbia, Fast Forward, River Alliance, and Together We Can Read.

The members of Council discussed various funding scenarios for the contracts and special projects.

– *Hospitality Tax Funding*

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director said the hospitality tax budget was passed at \$7.1 million, which is almost a \$4.2 million reduction from the prior year's budget. The budget includes debt service, but not the issuance of new debt. There is \$2.5 million available for allocation. In fiscal year 2019/2020, we reduced the forecasted revenues in March and we scaled back transfers. We ended the year with some fund balance.

Councilor Duvall said Council was sent a list of the hospitality tax allocations and I will add a few amendments to that. There is a request to add \$35,000 for the Black Expo and \$10,000 for Leisure Fun. We have core obligations to organizations like the Columbia Museum of Art, Historic Columbia, and EdVenture where they are partly owned by the City of Columbia and we need to fund them. We had a three-year commitment to the Clean and Safe Program and they remained at 100%. Other than that, it was generally a 25% reduction from what organizations received last year. There was a need to keep the business organizations in place. We will use them as conduits of information and to maintain the tourism base we will have on the other side of the pandemic. We want to make sure that organizations have funds available to them for events in the next 12-month cycle.



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Mayor Benjamin said this includes the Black Expo and Leisure Fun. It shifts about \$150,000 in funding for the City Center Partnership into another pot. Provisions for the ballets are included as well. The North Columbia Business Association will receive \$50,000.

Councilor Duvall said the City Center Partnership will be funded from the Economic Development section under the Water & Sewer Fund. They have been getting \$70,000 from that pot and because of the purchase of the U.S. Post Office, 1401 Main, and the United Way Building on Main Street, we are increasing that allocation to \$150,000.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we have been using that fund for Economic Development initiatives that Ryan brings to you. Is it an additional \$150,000?

Councilor Duvall said it will be a total of \$150,000 for the City Center Partnership. It will take \$80,000 out of that fund.

The members of Council discussed the ability to reallocate funding from cancelled events.

Councilor McDowell said there has been a food sharing program in the City and I would like to keep funding for programs like that.

Councilor Davis said he would like to see a concerted effort to deal with food deserts.

Mayor Benjamin requested an update on non-profit organizations at the next meeting.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve the hospitality tax funding spreadsheet as amended to appropriate \$30,000 to the Black Expo and \$10,000 to Leisure Fun and to withdraw the North Columbia Business Association from this spreadsheet.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to appropriate \$50,000 from the hospitality tax fund to the North Columbia Business Association. Ms. Devine abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to fund the City Center Partnership at \$150,000 from the Economic Development Fund as a fee in lieu for properties owned by the City.



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Councilor Rickenmann said the renewal is coming up for the City Center Partnership and I would like to request at the appropriate time that a small committee of Council meet with them to discuss restructuring of the board to be more reflective of the people who are paying the fee.

Councilor Devine said the Yellow Shirts have done an amazing job during the pandemic with helping us address a lot of needs. They release some of that demand from our Police Department. We need to look at how we capitalize on that model to make sure we are able to do that in other areas as well.

– *Accommodations Tax Funding*

Ms. Melisa Caughman, Budget & Program Management Director said the accommodations tax budget is \$1.4 million, which is a \$1.2 million reduction. City staff has not made any recommendations on allocations. Funding is typically allocated to two organizations based on state law and through the committee process. Those organizations are Experience Columbia at 85% and Lake Murray Country at 15%.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation to appropriate \$52,353 to One Columbia and \$20,000 to Together We Can Read from the accommodations tax fund's general purpose 5%.

4. Zoning Map Revision - Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director and Ms. Rachel Bailey, Zoning Administrator

Ms. Rachel Bailey, Zoning Administrator said we met with you all in January 2020 to discuss the Unified Development Ordinance. We have since completed the draft map. We are proposing to conduct virtual public meetings and one-on-one meetings via telephone or video. We hope to have the map before the Planning Commission at the end of this year and bring the map to City Council in January 2021. Once we schedule the zoning public hearing, we need to make sure that it occurs on that date.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Planning and Development Services Director proposed to have a virtual public meeting in late September and a week of one-on-one appointments. If necessary, we can bring the map revision back at a work session and the Planning Commission in October. The Planning Commission will hear and recommend the map in November and we will notice the zoning public hearing in December to include a mailing 30-days out along with postings. The public hearing will be held in January, second reading will occur in February, and the map will be effective on March 31, 2021. The map is published at www.columbiasc.gov.



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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 5 THROUGH 19

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to approve **Consent Agenda Items 5 through 19.**

5. Council is asked to approve the Purchase of seventy-five (75) Body Armor Jackets, as requested by the Columbia Police Department. Award to Lawmen's using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$71,199.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Police Administrative Services - Uniforms & Clothing (1012402-624100). The original budgeted amount is \$80,000.00.

6. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of Banner CIS & Microfocus Annual Maintenance Licenses, as requested by the Budget and Program Management Office. Award to Hansen Banner, LLC, in the amount of \$122,380.86. This firm is located in Carlsbad, CA. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Program Management Office-Maintenance & Service Contract (6218950-638200). The original budget amount is \$122,380.86.

7. Council is asked to approve the Renewal of Kronos Workforce Annual Subscription Services for employee time keeping and software support services, as requested by the Information Technology Services Department. Award to Kronos Inc. in the amount of \$246,865.49. This vendor is located in Chelmsford, MA. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Program Management Office-Maintenance & Service Contract (6218950-638200). The original budget amount is \$246,865.49.

8. Council is asked to approve the purchase of Two (2) Ram 2500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4X4 Trucks for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Santee Automotive, LLC using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$65,650.00. This vendor is located in Manning, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance-Auto, Trucks Heavy Equipment-Capital (5516205-658500). The original budget amount is \$65,650.00.

9. Council is asked to approve the purchase of Three (3) Ford Rangers Trucks for the Wastewater Maintenance Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Vic Bailey Ford Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$88,917.00. This vendor is located in Spartanburg, SC. - *Approved*



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Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance - Auto, Trucks, Heavy Equipment-Capital (5516205-658500). The original budget amount is \$88,917.00.

10. Council is asked to approve the purchase of Two (2) Western Star Dump Trucks and Extended Warranty for the Wastewater Maintenance Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Shealy's Truck Center Inc., using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$321,322.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance- Auto, Trucks Heavy Equipment-Capital (5516205-658500). The original budget amount is \$321,322.00.

11. Council is asked to approve the purchase of a Sewer Cleaning Truck for the Wastewater Maintenance Division, as requested by the Fleet Services Division. Award to Jet Vac Equipment Company, using the Sourcwell Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$412,957.31. This vendor is located in Sumter, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Wastewater Maintenance- Auto, Trucks Heavy-Equipment Capital (5516205-658500). The original budget amount is \$412,957.31.

12. Council is asked to approve the purchase of Magnesium Hydroxide for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Premier Magnesia, LLC, as a Sole Source in the amount of \$702,983.66. This vendor is located in Wayne, PA. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Utilities Metro Wastewater Plant - Chemicals (5516208-624800). The original budget amount is \$1,292,000.00.

13. Council is asked to approve an agreement for Project SS7559; 42-Inch West Columbia Riverwalk Sanitary Sewer Main Protection, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company, Inc. in the amount of \$139,896.00. The firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects 42-Inch West Columbia Riverwalk SS Main Protection (5529999-SS755901-658650). The original budget amount is \$139,896.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company of Columbia, SC is the Mentor and will provide project administration, project management, field reconnaissance, and preliminary utility coordination services at 69.4% (\$97,065.00) of the total contract amount. OLH, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) of Columbia, SC, is the Protégé and will provide construction administration, general administration of construction contract, change management, submittal and pay application review, completion monitoring and documentation, and periodic construction observation services at 20.6% (\$28,856.00) of the total contract amount.



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The following sub consultant will provide additional services:

Terracon Consulting Engineers of Columbia, SC will provide environmental studies and geotechnical investigation services at 10.0% (\$13,975.00) of the contract value.

14. Council is asked to approve Contract Amendment #4 for Project SS7306; Wastewater Collection Flow Monitoring Services, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Woolpert, Inc. in the amount of \$376,890.00. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering Wastewater System Improvements - Special Contracts - Water/Sewer, Stormwater (5516221-638305). The original budget amount for this amendment is \$376,890.00. The total revised budget amount is \$829,509.00.

15. Council is asked to approve a Contract for Project WM3078; New 6"/8" Water Main Washington Park Subdivision, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Carolina Tap & Bore, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,012,128.00, which includes contingency. This firm is located in West Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Engineering - Water & Sewer Improvements (5529999-WM307801-658650). The original budget amount is \$1,135,257.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program project. Carolina Tap & Bore, Inc., a Local Business Enterprise of West Columbia, SC is the Mentor and will be performing pipe installation services at 53% (\$446,317.60) of the total contract value. LG Utility Contractors, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W), of Lugoff, SC is the Protégé and will be providing equipment and personnel to complete the work at 21% (\$177,122.40) of the total contract value.

The following subcontractors/suppliers will be providing additional services/supplies:

Fortiline of Columbia, SC will be providing materials valued at 26% (\$220,000.00).

16. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Project SS7560; Lower Crane Creek Equalization Storage, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Hazen and Sawyer in the amount of \$1,848,321.00. The firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects Lower Crane Creek Storage Facility and Pump Station (5529999-SS756001-658650). The original budget amount is \$1,848,321.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. Hazen and Sawyer of Columbia, SC is the Mentor and will provide project guidance services at 57.1% (\$1,055,410.00) of the total contract amount. Palmetto Consulting Engineering Group, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) of Chapin, SC, is the Protégé and will provide drafting, permitting, specifications, coordination of subs, and construction observation services at 20.9% (\$386,611.00) of the total contract amount.



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The following sub-consultants will provide additional services:

Mrngineering, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) of Columbia, SC, will provide electrical engineering services at 3.0% (\$54,400.00) of the total contract amount.

Michael Baker International of Columbia, SC will provide resident construction representative services at 17.8% (\$329,400.00) of the total contract amount.

Terracon of Columbia, SC will provide geotechnical investigation services at 1.2% (\$22,500.00) of the total contract amount.

17. Council is asked to approve a contract for Project SD8449-01; Gills Creek Debris Removal, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Hammerhead Utilities, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1,909,635.00, which includes contingency. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Storm Water Improvements Capital Projects (5549999-SD844901-658650). The original budget amount is \$5,832,902.00. The award amount is for \$1,909,635, a savings from the original estimate. The debris removal was focused in the areas that impacted residences and businesses in City limits only. The savings will be used for other stormwater projects.

Hammerhead Utilities, LLC, the prime contractor, will be performing debris removal services at 60.39% (\$886,950.00) of the total contract value. This project was bid as a Columbia Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (CDBE) program project with a 20% CDBE goal that was met at 39.61% (\$582,000.00) of the total contract value.

The following sub-contractors will be providing the following services:

L.A. Barrier & Son, Inc., a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE of Lexington, SC, will be providing hauling services at 28.59% (\$420,000.00) of the total contract value.

Hammer Construction, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise (W) and a CDBE of Columbia, SC, will be providing labor, equipment, and disposal services at 11.02% (\$162,000.00) of the total contract value.

18. Council is asked to approve the Final Renewal for CDBG-DR Services and Extension of terms only for the Disaster Recovery Program Management Contract, as requested by the Budget and Program Management Office. Award to Landmark Consulting, LLC, a Minority Business Enterprise, in the amount of \$2,448,774.48. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Flood Recovery (2531116) and will be charged to each grant according to the services provided. The original budget amount is \$2,448,774.48.



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Staff has negotiated a combined services fee not to exceed \$2,448,774.48 for the specified needs included in the agreement for the final renewal period through December 31, 2020 and the first year of the extended contract period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

CDBG-DR Services through September 30, 2020	\$1,240,538.69
FEMA Disaster Recovery Services through December 31, 2020	\$ 561,947.06
Total for Renewal Period	\$1,802,485.75
FEMA Disaster Recovery Services January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 - First Year Ext.	\$ 646,288.72
Total Renewal Period & Extension	\$2,448,774.48

19. Council is asked to approve an Agreement for Project SS7539; Major Sewer Pipe Rehabilitation Cured-in-Place Project (CIPP) and Spray Applied Geopolymer Project, as requested by Columbia Water. Award to Black & Veatch Corporation in the amount of \$3,735,445.00. The firm is located in Columbia, SC. - *Approved*

Funding Source: Water and Sewer Capital Projects Major Sewer Pipe Rehabilitation CIPP and Spray Applied Geopolymer Project (5529999-SS753901-658650). The original budget amount is \$3,735,445.00.

This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project. Black & Veatch Corporation of Columbia, SC is the Mentor and will provide design, permitting, bidding assistance, and construction phase services at 77.3% (\$2,885,895.00) of the total contract amount. Highfill Infrastructure Engineering, PC, a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) of Columbia, SC, is the Protégé and will provide design, field reconnaissance, regulatory review, utility coordination, permitting construction observation, and management of sub-consultants services at 21.2% (\$794,550.00) of the total contract amount.

The following sub consultant will provide additional services:

Bunnell-Lammons Engineering of Greenville, SC will provide geotechnical exploration services at 1.5% (\$55,000.00) of the contract value.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

20. Ordinance No.: 2020-072 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-144 Special water service fees (f) (*Payment arrangement extension*) – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2020-072 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-144 Special water service fees (f).



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21. Ordinance No.: 2020-073 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Fourteenth Amendment to Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Bright-Meyers 2001 LLC for the sale of 5.97 +/- acres (Capital City Stadium) Richland County TMS #11204-02-02 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2020-073 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Fourteenth Amendment to Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Bright-Meyers 2001 LLC for the sale of 5.97 +/- acres (Capital City Stadium) Richland County TMS #11204-02-02, subject to amending the extension from 60-days to 120-days.

22. Ordinance No.: 2020-078 Adopting the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund ("CRLF") Code, revised August 18, 2020 – *Approved on first reading*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2020-078 Adopting the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund ("CRLF") Code, revised August 18, 2020.

23. Ordinance No.: 2020-079 Adopting the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Plan for CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund Supplemental Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Awards

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2020-079 Adopting the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Plan for CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund Supplemental Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Awards.

24. Ordinance No.: 2020-080 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article III, Directors, Departments and Employees, Sec. 2-127 Director of municipal court/administrative municipal court judge; Chapter 13, Municipal Court, Sec. 13-2 Administrative municipal court judge and municipal court judges; add Sec. 13-6. Court administrator, and renumber sections – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Rickenmann and seconded by Mr. Duvall, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2020-080 Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article III, Directors, Departments and Employees, Sec. 2-127 Director of municipal court/administrative municipal court judge; Chapter 13, Municipal Court, Sec. 13-2 Administrative municipal court judge and municipal court judges; add Sec. 13-6. Court administrator, and renumber sections.



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RESOLUTIONS

25. Resolution No.: R-2020-011 Approving the renaming of the Change-Up Program to the “Deborah Christie Customer Assistance Program” - *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. McDowell, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2020-011 Approving the renaming of the Change-Up Program to the “Deborah Christie Customer Assistance Program”.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said starting tomorrow, Assistant City Manager Shealy and his team will be pushing out information regarding marketing, payment plans, and other initiatives to help customers during this time.

26. Resolution No.: R-2020-086 Authorizing the Incorporation of the Columbia Community Investment Fund, a South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation, for the Purpose of Applying for Certification as a Community Development Entity and Applying for one or more Allocations Under the New Markets Tax Credit Program and Authorizing the Performance of Any and All Actions Necessary for the Formation and Organization of the Corporation- *Approved*

Councilor Brennan asked if the City had an organization like this in the past.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said yes, we had a similar organization. It is a formality for the funds to pass through the City. We have been going through an extensive application process and we do not know how much will be allocated.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2020-086 Authorizing the Incorporation of the Columbia Community Investment Fund, a South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation, for the Purpose of Applying for Certification as a Community Development Entity and Applying for one or more Allocations Under the New Markets Tax Credit Program and Authorizing the Performance of Any and All Actions Necessary for the Formation and Organization of the Corporation.



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APPOINTMENTS

27. Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. William Baker to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

28. Central Midlands Council of Governments

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mr. Brennan, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Robert Liming to the Central Midlands Council of Governments.

29. Design Development Review Commission

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. James Baker to the Design Development Review Commission.

30. Planning Commission – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

PUBLIC INPUT

No public comments were received at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Duvall and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 4:13 p.m. for the discussion of **Items 31** and **32** as amended to add the Commission on the Future of Columbia to **Item 31**.

31. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

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32. Discussion of matters relating to proposed location or expansion of services to encourage location or expansion of industries or other businesses pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
- *Large User Rate Analysis*
 - *Create Opportunity Columbia*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk